

INFORMATION REPORT

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TOPIC: **Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft**

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DATE OF REPORT: 4 Oct 55
SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT #

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 4 Oct 55
PLACE OF OBSERVATION: [REDACTED]

STATUS: [REDACTED]

- At 1630, 4 Oct 55, I boarded a train at [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] in the company of [REDACTED], one of whom shared a Wagon-Lit compartment with me; the other two occupied the adjoining compartments. The train ran very slowly, making every stop; I would estimate its overall speed at 20 mph. Exactly two hours and forty minutes out of [REDACTED] one of our group in the compartment next door entered my compartment and said, "Did you see that out there? I just saw a flying saucer." I and my compartment companion were about to laugh it off when the man from next door pointed out of the window again, and then we all saw the following sight.
- On the left-hand side of the train, between the train [REDACTED] was a large air field. The evening was dark but clear. A huge searchlight [REDACTED] on a triangular object on the ground which would say was probably not more than two miles distant from the railroad [REDACTED] Source first estimated that the air field was about five miles away but, on further reflection, changed the distance to the object to two miles. The size of the object was comparable to that of a [REDACTED] jet fighter, with a squat shape and in the form of an equilateral triangle. There were three lights on the object, one to each point of the triangle, presumably two wing lights and a tail light. As we watched, it was ejected from its launching site, making not less than three and not more than seven fast spirals in the air, after which it climbed extremely fast at about a 45 degree angle. We watched it climb and saw it reach a high altitude; the searchlight followed it all the way.
- I wish to emphasize that this was no ordinary take-off but a launching procedure more like a missile ejection. Our companion from next door reported that this was the second launching in rapid succession.
- I believe that the train at the time of the sighting was between 50 and 65 miles south of [REDACTED]. While the four of us were still watching the object ascending, the steward came in and pulled down the blinds. When I began to protest the steward pointed toward the rear of the car and shook his head, [REDACTED]

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3. Our party had wished to make this part of the journey by air, but we were informed by [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] that there were no flights between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. In [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] people were surprised that our party had not flown and said that there were several flights a day.

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